



# WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Lower School Summer Learning Entering Kindergarten

Summer is a great time for children to take a break from a formal learning structure, but it is never good for anyone to take a break from learning. Our hope is that you approach the summer with the goals of fostering your child's love of learning and creating opportunities for growth and discovery in your child. Our goal is that you take advantage of the special summer days to encourage your child's curiosity, creativity, reading, and growth.

- Tours of museums and historical sites
- Games (educational, board, puzzles, outdoor...)
- Vacation Bible School or other faith-based opportunities
- Building a project or creating something fun
- Learn a new skill (swimming, sewing, sport, etc.)
- Outdoor adventures (nature treasure hunt, hiking, start an insect collection...)
- Keep a summer journal
- Create a photo album or scrapbook

### To assist with kindergarten readiness, we suggest the following:

- Schoolzone: *Get Ready for Kindergarten* workbook (available on Amazon.)
- Flashcards: alphabet letters (capitals and lowercase) and numbers through 20
- Name writing on a baseline with first letter capitalized, all others lowercase
- Holding up fingers for numbers 0 – 10
- Coloring within the lines in a coloring book
- Eating lunch independently in a seated position at a table in about 20 minutes

Students are encouraged to read (with a parent) **ten books**. A variety of authors should be chosen. The following list of books and authors are suggestions. You may read other books not on this list.

- Beginning, Middle, and End Concept Books
  - *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
  - *What's in Fox's Sack?* by Paul Galdone
  - *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen
  - *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
  - *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
  - *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert
- Bible Stories
  - *The Holy Bible* (Suggestions: Genesis 1, Psalm 23, Matthew 19:13-14, Luke 2)
  - *Christopher Churchmouse*, by Barbara Davoll (series)

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- Bible story books such as the *Zonderkidz* series
  
- Books About Me
  - *I Like Me!* by Nancy L. Carlson
  - *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
  - *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
  - *My Five Senses* by Alike
  - *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
  - *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer
  - *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney
  
- Caldecott Winners and Honor Books
  - *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
  - *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
  - *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
  - *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
  - *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens
  - *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback
  
- Color and Counting Books
  - *Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book* by Paul Giganti Jr.
  - *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert
  - *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
  - *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
  - *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood
  - *26 Letters and 99 Cents* by Tana Hoban
  
- Family Stories
  - *Just Me Books* by Mercer Mayer
  - *Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
  - *Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman
  
- Folktales and Fairy Tales (authors may vary from those listed)
  - *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg
  - *Cinderella* by Marcia Brown
  - *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith
  - *Henny Penny* by H. Werner Zimmermann
  - *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach
  - *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone
  - *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
  - *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
  - *The Three Little Pigs* by Rodney Peppe
  - *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen
  - *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
  
- Friends
  - *Who Will Be My Friends?* by Sid Hoff
  - *We Are Best Friends* by Alike

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- Getting Ready for Kindergarten
  - *The Kissing Hand*, by Audrey Penn
  - *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*, by Joseph Slate and Ashley Wolff
  
- Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes (authors may vary from those listed)
  - *James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall
  - *My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Opie
  - *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola
  
- Predictable Books (Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm)
  - *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
  - *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
  - *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
  - *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gag
  
- Stories in Rhyme
  - Many, many wonderful books by these authors:
    - Bill Martin, Jr. (*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*)
    - Dr. Seuss (*Oh, the Places You'll Go*)
    - Eric Carle (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*)
  - *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk
  - *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka



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## Summer Learning Log

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